Champion . By BATTLING NELSON,

Lightweight Champion of the World

ed back to San Francisco, arriving me 30. On July 1 my manager and I went to Harry Corbett's place, where the forfelts had been posted, to meet Britt and his manager, where we were

I was amazed to find that Britt was ntched to fight Kid Sullivan instead of me and that he had pulled down his forfeit. I was again sidetracked for more easy game by the clusive native son, Sir James Edward.

Britt Forced to Sign Up. Later on public sentiment forced Mr. Britt to get out and do something to

After agreeing to all the conditions samed, even to a percentage of the gate, the Britts balked, demanding a 20,000 guaranteed purse, with the privilege of 65 per cent of the gross

James W. Coffroth, who was to pro mote the match, readily agreed to eler one of the conditions—a \$20,000 flat guarantee or 65 per cent of the ross gate receipts.

Just as negotiations were apparentall off and things became darker an ever and the parties concerned started to adjourn we took the last resort. My backers guaranteed Jimmy Britt the \$20,000 purse for me and ested \$19,000 to make it good and vere willing to gamble on a percentage basis for my end.

On Sept. 29, 1905, I finally achieved the ambition of my life. On that day I defeated James Edward Britt by a ekout at Colma, Cal., near Frisco, and became the lightweight champion

That may not sound as big to you tho read it as it does to me, but to that title in front of a fighter's name means both fame and fortune as well as the satisfaction of having

affair of Dec. 20 the preceding year I had my mind set on meeting the champion again. I knew full well that I could beat him. He had point blank refused to meet me until I had gone ed the men that he had d whipped the men that he had d. I did all this and finally got cked in a corner from which he uld not escape and he had agreed to fight me for the championship. The articles of agreement had been signed which I had taken what was offered

Being assured that everything was all right, I went to Joe Millett's trainquarters and began preparing for at I figured the fight of my life.

of course balked, wanting the side bet as well as the "winner take all" clause, but sooner than lose the match agreed to their terms. But when I it was that we fought for a straight



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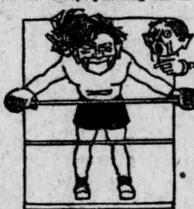
looked like the fight of the century. mined to take ne chances, we point of the world I received the tidy sum of blank refused to stand for the big \$18,841. In addition to this, I sold my pollermaker to act as the third man in the ring. The battle was delayed some two hours while we argued over this

Graney. Jeffries stepped down and financial sense, but that was a mere out, and Graney took possession of the bout. Graney, it will be remembered, tion of being the champion.

nent. I forced him round and round the ring from start to finish. He put

finally caved in. I had been chasing Britt all over the ring for seventeen rounds, but could not induce him to stand up and fight. I knew that if I ever coaxed him into swapping blows with me I would get him. I had not yet had a chance to land on his liver with that left half scissors hook which had crumpled up so many of my opponents, but I was waiting.

When the gong tapped for the begin ning of the eighteenth round I rushed at him like a tiger and began pound ing aim in the wind for all I was worth. He broke away and ran. Britt then turned and came toward me as if to rush me off my feet. I knew now that I had his goet. I met his rush with a jab in the nose that staggered him. He then tried to break ground again in the hope of getting away from me. I kept punching him in the



wind as fast as I could, and I saw that he was weakening. I felt that the championship was almost within my grasp. Nothing could stop me now.

I determined to finish him in that found if I had to use up every ounce of my strength. It was no time for stalling or attempting to box. The thing left for me was to wear him down while he was weak. Again I punched the champion on the liver with a quick jolt, and he began to swing his arms wildly. He threw all of his science to the wind and came at me with his arms going like a windmill. I do not like to appear cruel, but as I looked at him I thought of that big hat and Prince Albert coat, and I imagine I felt very much as a cat does that has a mouse in a corner. I was waiting for a chance to get another stiff punch to his wind.

The Mistake of His Life. Britt made the mistake of his life when he tried to mix it with me at close range. Some fellow has said that I am the "king of the infighters," and I certainly felt like it that day. "Chug, chug, chug," I would crack him in the stomach. In two more seconds he was hanging on my neck. I believe he would have fallen then, but I held him because I wanted to knock him out with one blow. Referee Graney ordered ps to break and I leaped right at him again. I was almost wild with enthu-siasm now, for I felt that I had the champion's measure.

"Knock him out, Jimmy!" came in a roar from the 10,000 fans. Everybody was standing up and yelling their heads off. They were all Britt's friends. I was out there all alone, but I knew that far away in little Hegewisch I had a mother who was my friend. Instead of stopping me the noise made me work all the harder.

As a last resort Britt now abandoned his opening tactics and started to swan blows with me. It was slug, slug, slug. We were chasing all around the ring. Toward the middle of the round Jimmy made one of those terrible half hooks, body punches which landed flush on my wind. It was an awful blow, but I managed to shake it off and went right back at him. Britt thought that his blow had weakened me, and he made a wild lunge as if to finish me. Instead of backing away, as he expected, I put all the strength I had in my right arm and let fly a punch which caught the champion squarely over the heart. I shall never forget that moment. Britt's face crin kled up with pain, and, throwing his hands up over his head, he toppled over and fell flat on his back. He was

knocked as cold as a wedge. At that I couldn't help feeling sorry for him as I saw him twisting and squirming in an effort to get up long after the count was over. He showed an example of gameness that I didn't

I was the champion! For winning this great battle as well as the white lightweight championship interest in the fight pictures to the manager of the club for \$5,000. I never received a cent of this picture mon ey. Total gate receipts were \$48,306.15. This was very gratifying to me in a

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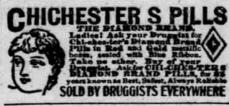
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